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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, provided below is a listing of the pending claims.

1. (Original) A method for use by a circuit analysis tool for selectively applying configuration information from multiple sources to configuration data elements ("CDEs") stored in a database, the method comprising:

comparing a data source indicator ("DSI") of a configuration command with a DSI of a corresponding CDE; if the DSI of the configuration command takes precedence over the DSI of the corresponding CDE, applying the configuration command thereto; and

if the DSI of the configuration command does not take precedence over the DSI of the corresponding CDE, disregarding the configuration command.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the DSI of the configuration command identifies a source of configuration data included in the configuration command.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is an external tool.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is a global configuration file.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is a user configuration file.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein a DSI identifying a user configuration file as the source of the configuration command has precedence over all other DSIs.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration command includes a case identifier.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising:
determining whether the case identifier corresponds to a user-specified analysis case; and
if the case identifier corresponds to the user-specified analysis case, applying the configuration command to the corresponding CDE.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising, if the case identifier does not correspond to the user-specified analysis case, disregarding the configuration command.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether the configuration command includes a
predetermined prefix; and

if the configuration command includes a predetermined prefix,
removing the corresponding configuration data element from the
analysis.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the
predetermined prefix is a negative expression.

Claims 12-25. (Canceled)

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26. (Original) A circuit analysis tool for selectively applying configuration information from multiple sources to configuration data elements ("CDEs") stored in a database, the tool comprising:

means for comparing a data source indicator ("DSI") of a configuration command with a DSI of a corresponding CDE;

means for applying the configuration command to the corresponding CDE if the DSI of the configuration command takes precedence over the DSI of the corresponding CDE; and

means for disregarding the configuration command if the DSI of the configuration command does not take precedence over the DSI of the corresponding CDE.

27. (Original) The tool of claim 26 wherein the DSI of the configuration command identifies a source of configuration data included in the configuration command.

28. (Original) The tool of claim 27 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is an external tool.

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29. (Original) The tool of claim 27 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is a global configuration file.

30. (Original) The tool of claim 27 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is a user configuration file.

31. (Original) The tool of claim 30 wherein a DSI identifying a user configuration file as the source of the configuration command has precedence over all other DSIs.

32. (Original) The tool of claim 26 further comprising:
means for determining whether a case identifier of the configuration command corresponds to a user-specified analysis case; and

means for applying the configuration command to the corresponding CDE if the case identifier corresponds to the user-specified analysis case.

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33. (Original) The tool of claim 32 further comprising means for disregarding the configuration command if the case identifier does not correspond to the user-specified analysis case.

34. (Original) The tool of claim 26 further comprising:
means for determining whether the configuration command includes a predetermined prefix; and
means for removing the corresponding configuration data element from the analysis if the configuration command includes a predetermined prefix.

Claims 35-38. (Canceled)

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39. (Original) A computer-readable medium operable with a computer for selectively applying configuration information from multiple sources to configuration data elements ("CDEs") stored in a database of a circuit analysis tool, the medium having stored thereon:

instructions executable by the computer for comparing a data source indicator ("DSI") of a configuration command with a DSI of a corresponding CDE;

instructions executable by the computer for applying the configuration command to the corresponding CDE if the DSI of the configuration command takes precedence over the DSI of the corresponding CDE; and

instructions executable by the computer for disregarding the configuration command if the DSI of the configuration command does not take precedence over the DSI of the corresponding CDE.

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40. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 39 wherein the DSI of the configuration command identifies a source of configuration data included in the configuration command.

41. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is an external tool.

42. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is a global configuration file.

43. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the source identified by the DSI of the configuration command is a user configuration file.

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44. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 43 wherein a DSI identifying a user configuration file as the source of the configuration command has precedence over all other DSIs.

45. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 39 further having stored thereon:

instructions executable by the computer for determining whether a case identifier of the configuration command corresponds to a user-specified analysis case; and

instructions executable by the computer for applying the configuration command to the corresponding CDE if the case identifier corresponds to the user-specified analysis case.

46. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 45 further having stored thereon instructions executable by the computer for disregarding the configuration command if the case identifier does not correspond to the user-specified analysis case.

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47. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 39 further having stored thereon:

instructions executable by the computer for determining whether the configuration command includes a predetermined prefix; and

instructions executable by the computer for removing the corresponding configuration data element from the analysis if the configuration command includes a predetermined prefix.

Claims 48-51. (Canceled)